Year 7 students attended an action packed day at Bournda in week three of this term. The excursion was a great chance for students and staff to take some time out to connect with each other and the environment. Students were involved in a variety of activities throughout the day including kayaking, bike riding, raft building, ropes course, orienteering and challenge games. Despite forecast showers, the weather was very favourable and the only ones who got wet were those who had uncooperative rafts.

Highlights included Jayden Ingram catching a lizard, and Ethan Gray showing great sportsmanship in completing the entire bike trail one handed – as his other arm was in a cast.

Staff at Bournda were very impressed with the students and called Mr Moorehead to commend the entire group for their behaviour and character.
ENGAGEMENT ROOM (ER) introduced to EMHS

CONCEPT

Last year, teachers identified the need to have a resource to assist students to become more engaged, diligent and responsible for their learning. Improved engagement in the classroom has become a priority and it is, in fact, a part of the EMHS strategic plan for 2015-2017 incorporating three main directions:

1. Engaged, Active Learning in a 21st Century World
2. Leading and Learning Together
3. Creating Opportunities for Staff and Students to Be Their Best

PURPOSE

Students will be encouraged and guided to ENGAGE with their learning in each subject through attendance and active participation. If they are finding it difficult to engage in class, they will be sent to the ER where they will be assisted by a specialist teacher with their work and attitude. This will not only be beneficial for the students withdrawn but will give the rest of the class the opportunity to learn in a positive environment, creating in all students, responsibility for their learning and a willingness to contribute to their class – i.e. ENGAGEMENT.

PROCESS

Within the first 15 minutes of class only, students may be sent to Room DT2 (ER) with current work and resources (texts, sheets). The student will spend the rest of that lesson in the ER. Students will be monitored and given further assistance, if required through the Student Support Network and year level coordinators.

The ER will run on a trial basis throughout Term 1, 2015. The target group for the trial is to be UNGRADED classes from the Middle School – Years 7 – 10. We value any questions or comments from parents, guardians and students.

David Willis
Coordinator

Beach Fitness - Year 7/8

Attention: Parents/carers of year 7 and 8 students. In order for your child to participate in swimming during sport, they must return their swimming permission note immediately. Swimming will be in the rock pool at all times (a safe and protected location).

Simon Shines Again

As part of his ongoing support in the district, Simon Emms from Merimbula Surf Shop has donated leg ropes for the school surfboards. The boards’ leg ropes have aged and many were broken. Simon has continually donated prizes and equipment for programs with the school such as The Jason Bush Memorial Surf Competition, the End of Year Activities, Zone Surfing Titles and Girls Go Surfing Day. Year 9 & 10 PASS and Marine Studies students are also undertaking Surf Awareness and Surfing programs during Term 1.

Year 7 and 8 students enjoying a dip in the rock pool at Asling Beach.

Year 10 Marine Studies class display the surfboards leg ropes kindly donated by Simon from Merimbula Surf Shop.

Invitation to Parents/Carers:

Mr Jason Smith, EMHS Chair of the Technology Committee will give a brief presentation informing parents of school and DEC policy with regard to Bring Your Own Device to school.

Venue: EMHS Library
Date: Thursday, 19th March 2015
Time: 6:00-6:30pm
University of Wollongong (UOW) Day

On the 5th & 6th of February a group of 33 year 12 students travelled to Wollongong. When we arrived in Wollongong we went to the Nan Tien Temple, the largest Buddhist temple in the southern hemisphere. This is a very culturally awakening experience, allowing students insight into the Buddhist religion and lifestyle.

After visiting the temple we travelled to Wollongong University – Campus East, this is where we stayed the night. We toured the campus, giving us insight into the catered university lifestyle. We ate dinner at the campus and the games room was available for our use.

The following day we travelled to the University Of Wollongong. We attended a welcoming assemble where 1,500 students came together to see what university was like. We all attended lectures throughout the day... although some of us did get lost, we found our way. These lectures helped us decide if they were the right courses for us to be studying post high school.

Overall, students found it a very fun and interesting excursion that helped us decide what path we may choose for our future.

Photos: Top left - Group shot at UOW, Top right; Max Harris playing ‘hide and seek’ and, Bottom left, Will Wiebe; having some special time with a Buddha while his friends watch on.

English/History Department New Arrivals

The staff and students formally welcome Mr Rowan Drowley (former student of EMHS) and Ms Robyn Wall to our school. They are both based in the English department where it is a constant buzz of action. We hope they have enjoyed their busy first few weeks at our school.
EMHS at the Bega Show 2015
Mr Gary Berman, representing the Light Horse Brigade, was part of a team who paraded at the official ceremony of the Bega Agricultural Show. The Light Horse escorted the Governor of NSW into the grounds.
Year 12 student, Alex Smith jumped 155cm on her horse Honey at the show, placing and winning in the show jumping competition over the three day event.
Rory Warne, year 8, also entertained the crowds performing with “Fling”.

Library News
Students at EMHS are encouraged to read during Roll Call, at the start of each school day. There are many wonderful resources to borrow from our fiction and non-fiction collections. See Mrs Taylor if you need a recommendation for a good book to borrow.

Congratulations to Jackie French on being named “NSW Senior Australian of the Year”. Jackie is currently the Australian Children’s Laureate and a well published author. We currently have 23 of Jackie’s titles in our collection.

Bibliographies
Students at EMHS are expected to acknowledge their information sources. Currently, Year 10 is learning about bibliographies to complete their major Science research projects. Year 11 classes are being introduced to this skill to support project work in the Preliminary Year. Year 12 students are taking these skills to the next level, by annotating their sources. Students are welcome to seek assistance from Mrs Taylor before school and at lunchtime to complete their bibliographies. There is a framework for bibliography writing on the school website, under the “Library” tab.

Thank you to all the students, and their families, that returned overdue items after the overdue notices were handed out in week 4.

Mrs K. Taylor
Teacher Librarian
CAREER MATTERS

Work Inspirations – Fisheries
As part of the careers program run throughout the year, EMHS students have been fortunate enough to be a part of the Work Inspirations programs run through South Coast Workplace and Learning who are based in Moruya. Five students: Brad Chalker, Jonathon Bray, Andrew Davidson, Patrick Kearney and Cody Schroeder had a great two days with the Eden Fisheries Officers. They learnt that being a Fisheries Officer wasn’t just about being in a boat!

Their duties include field-based work (patrols and inspections) and an educative and advisory role. Compliance activities include patrols in offshore waters, estuaries, lakes and freshwater rivers.

They were shown the Eden Mussel Aquaculture Industry in Twofold Bay and told that fisheries are also responsible for inspecting and reporting on oysters’ leases in the area. The students were able to participate in a patrol vessel tour of Twofold Bay and taken up to the Rotary Lookout in Eden to learn about surveillance and use the scope, which has a 5x magnification.

On the final day, the students interviewed officers to learn their different career roles and were given role play tasks from what they had learnt such as quantifying and measuring abalone shells using Vernier callipers, finding the average mesh size of netting using a net measuring device and undertaking a mock surveillance whilst taking notes and photos.

The students and Mrs Bond would like to thank SCWPL coordinator, Rachel Jones for organising the event and fisheries officers Matthew Proctor, Troy Northey, Sarah Nolan and Ian Merrington for their informative talks and great experience.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are fortunate enough to have employers in the local area who are willing to take on a School Based Apprentice Trainee (SBAT). Over the next couple of months, I will be showcasing these students, so that you can see what types of employment is available. If you are a prospective employer and would like to hear about the benefits of employing an SBAT, please give me a call at the high school.

Krystal Sellen - Year 10
Krystal has just signed up to complete a School Based Apprenticeship at Value Cutz and Colour in Merimbula with Jeweleen Whitby. She started off last year in my School To Work Program, which entailed her working unpaid of a Thursday to gain experience in this field. Jeweleen was so impressed with Krystal, that she decided to sign her up! Krystal goes to TAFE of a Monday and is completing her Certificate III - Hairdressing and works on Thursdays as a paid apprentice.

Dylan Jordan - Year 11
Dylan has just signed up to complete his SBAT with ASG Builders Pty Ltd in Mirador with Tony Gordon. He completed his Year 10 Work Experience with Tony and then continued on Thursdays in the School To Work Program. Tony was so impressed with Dylan that he decided to sign him up! Dylan will complete his Certificate II - Construction at school, as we are fortunate enough to be able to offer that as part of the Senior curriculum, and works of a Thursday as a paid apprentice.

Michelle Bond | Careers Adviser | SBAT Coordinator
Rugby 7’s

On Friday 20th of February three teams of boys and girls travelled to Sapphire Coast Anglican College in Bega to participate in a Rugby Sevens gala day. We had 2 teams of boys and a team of girls compete against Lumen Christi and Bega High. The junior year 7/8 boys played their first against Bega High where they won 15-5, playing a solid first game as they were just learning the new skills. Their next game was against Lumen Christi which they also won and showed great sportsmanship when a player from the opposing team broke their arm. Players from Eden Marine High were supportive and caring towards the injured player. Not only did the boys show great sportsman ship but they also came out of the tournament undefeated.


The year 9-10 girls played a good first game against Bega, winning 15-5. They showed determination and great teamwork throughout the game, having only 2 training sessions, one with Brumbies player Tom to learn and understand the rules of the game and a second at school with the help of Mr Keath going over what they learnt. Unknown to the girls was that they had to do line outs on the day, resulting in a last minute training session right before their first game to learn and practise the skill. It was great to see the girls play a new sport and give it 100%. Up next was a tough game against a well drilled Lumen Christi team and despite a loss they played extremely hard and pushed Lumen right to the end. Play of the day was by Abbi Scott when she took out a player from the opposing team in a massive tackle taking her out over the sideline – it got the whole crowd up on their feet cheering. Final game was against the top Bega High team where the girls did not give up and held their ground. Communication and teamwork really showed in this game as the girls partnered up to tackle and take down some stronger players on the opposing team. It ended up being a very close game only losing 15-10, with Bega’s last try being in the last couple of minutes.

The 9-10 boys went up against Bega firstly where they played a fair game as a team but unfortunately came out with a loss. The second game was against Lumen Christi and the boys really came through in this game whilst struggling with the crazy Bega heat. They made some solid tackles and managed to hold off the opposing team, leading them to victory with a score of 15-5. Despite the fun day all were glad it was over to get out of the extreme heat that they had played in all day. Thanks to all of the parents for driving on the day and to Mr Morgan and Miss Rainbird for coaching.


Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Camper of the Year

Brendan Winnel has earned the title of the Eden Gas & Gear Camper of the Year, 2014. During Term 4 last year, the SLR class went into the Mimosa Rocks National Park for three days. The walk involved two river crossings, camping and cooking during the trek. Brendan demonstrated excellent expedition and leadership skills. He also displayed his talent as a special investigator when cross-examining students during mock trials. Brendan also solved many mind games, unlike some students, (Madi Whatman). Wade Aitken was a close second as he narrowly missed out on the points score.
Zone Swimming Report 2015
The school competitors swimming carnival was held on the 4th February at the Eden Olympic pool. Students and staff travelled up to the pool to compete in a series of events. The successful competitors moved on to the zone carnival at the Narooma Swimming Complex.

Eden Marine High School Age Champions
12 yr girls - Issey Newton
13 yr girls - Jessie Campbell-Jones
14 yr boys - Charlie McGuire
14 yr girls - Gemma Oliver
15 yr girls - Emmily Yeoman
15 yr boys - Kye Dewberry
16 yr girls - Ebony Pointon
16 yr boys - Jack McGuire
17+ yr boys - Hayden Skeers
17+ yr girls - Rani Quin

Eurobodalla Zone Swimming Championships
Mr Prowse and several students travelled to Narooma to compete at the Eurobodalla Zone Swimming Championships. As usual the students were very successful and several students were crowned age champions.

Zone Age Championship Pointscore
12 yr boys – 1st Hunter De Jong
13 yr girls - 4th Jessie Campbell-Jones, 6th Jesse Fulton, 8th Lily Ferrarra
14 yr boys – 9th Charlie McGuire
16 yr girls – 1st Ebony Pointon
16 yr boys – 2nd Jack McGuire
17+ girls – 4th Rani Quinn
17+ boys – 1st Hayden Skeers

Successful students will now travel to Dapto for the regional swimming championships on 5th March, 2015.

EDEN MARINE HIGH SCHOOL
WORKING BEE
Saturday 14th March
8am start
Bring your rake, bring your wheelbarrow, bring your gloves.
BBQ and friendly conversation supplied.
Come and be a part of our school community.
All welcome.
Shania, The AIME Art Intern
Shania Aldridge spent the day working as a paid Art Intern for AIME on Thursday, 19th February. AIME is an Indigenous mentoring program that believes, ‘Indigenous = Success.’ Shania, along with Tarsharna Nye, from Moruya High School, were selected to attend the day, held at The University of Wollongong – Bega Campus.

Shania started the day with a Skype chat with AIME’s graphic designer, Sam Joseph, and a short video message from AIME’s CEO, Jack Manning-Bancroft. After this the Interns spent the day creating unique artworks representing who they are and what they value. As well as being paid for the day, Shania’s completed artwork will be bought by AIME who can then use the artworks in their new clothing and product designs. Congratulations Shania on this huge achievement!

Sea Cow
In 2014 Eden Marine High received a life-size plastic cow as part of a transition program and competition featuring research about agriculture. We did not enter the competition so we purchased the cow rather than return it, to use in an alternate mentor program to support girls. This mentoring program worked on social skills, resilience and responsibility for personal actions with a selected group of Year 8 girls. Painting the cow offered an opportunity for discussion of these topics and concerns with an adult mentor, Jenine Grant.

The girls planned the design on a ‘Marine theme’. Our “Sea Cow” is now completed and on display around our school. Thanks are extended to Jenine for her artistic input and mentoring abilities with these young women.

Article supplied by Rhonda Douglas

DATES TO REMEMBER
TERM 1
Wednesday 4 March
• School Photos
• Year 10 International Studies Excursion
• Year 7 BBQ 5:30-7pm
• Combined University presentation - Year 12

Friday 6 March
• School swimming carnival

Monday 9 March
• School photo make-up day

Tuesday 17 March
• Parent/Teacher Interview Night

Thursday 19 March
• P&C AGM - 6.30pm EMHS, Library

Monday 23 March
• Waste Management Excursion - Year 10

Monday 23 - Friday 27 March
• Year 12 assessment week

Wednesday 25 - Friday 27 March
• Year 11 SLR camp

Tuesday 31 March
• Surf Survival testing day Year 9

You don’t need to be the next Tim Cahill to get fit and have fun playing soccer. Registration forms for the Eden Killer Whales are available from He Be Jeen’s Gift store in Eden’s main street or by emailing edensoccerclub@gmail.com or calling the club registrar Kate on 0417 550 852. Training starts soon so don’t wait!

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS 2015
ALL YEARS
TUESDAY 17TH MARCH & THURSDAY 23RD APRIL

Information letter and booking sheet will be mailed in the coming weeks.